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• (C) EUCOM and DATT Kigali confirmed that the last two convoys of Americans will leave Kigali April 10. The first convoy will depart at 1000 local time (0400 EDT) and the second at 1130 local time (0530 EDT). The convoys cannot leave earlier because the Rwandan gendarme escorts are not available earlier. All official Americans will leave with the second convoy. (EUCOM/TFRW01 and DATT Kigali/TFRW01 telcons).

• (C) Updated information on French military plans indicates that the French are sending 450 (not 750 as previously reported) additional troops into Kigali airport. Two companies will travel from Bangui this evening and one from France. The staging point for the 800 Belgian troops now in Djibouti and Nairobi will be decided April 10 in the morning. (Belgian Embassy Washington/TFRW01 and DATT Brussels/TFRW01 telcons).

• (U) DATT Kigali reported at 1955 EDT that it was quiet on the streets outside the Embassy. Guards around the Embassy told DATT that no shooting had been heard all evening. (DATT Kigali/TFRW01 telcon)

• (U) Reuter quotes an RPF official as saying that 4,000 RPF troops were moving toward Kigali on two fronts, and could arrive in the city as early as dawn April 10. RPF leader Paul Kagame has rejected the new interim Rwandan government and plans to attack and take the city. Kagame also said that the RPF will not oppose evacuation of expatriates from Rwanda. (Reuter, CNN)

• (U) Embassy Bujumbura reported at 2030 EDT that convoys two and three with 70 Amcits, who had initially planned to spend the night at a Danish mission at the Rwanda/Burundi border, had just arrived safely in Bujumbura. (Embassy Bujumbura/TFRW01 telcon).

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